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Thank you for your recent letter to Secretary Shultz expressing concern for the tragic plight of the thousands of Jewish refuseniks in the Soviet Union. We share your concern about the unwillingness of the Soviet Union to respect such basic human rights as freedom of movement.

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There are other avenues, however, which you may wish to explore in bringing concern for Jewish refuseniks to the attention of Soviet authorities. One possibility is to ask Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin in Washington to forward your materials. While we are not informed of specific procedures at the Soviet Embassy for handling such packages, we are aware that on at least one occasion such mail has been forwarded. Another option is to send the letters and boxes via regular international mail. While we are not sure that they would reach their ultimate destination this way, they would most certainly come to the attention of high level Soviet authorities.

The Honorable
Alfonse M. D'Amato,
Chairman, Commission on Security
and Cooperation in Europe,
United States Senate.

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I hope that this information is helpful to you. If I can be of assistance to you in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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